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FOR MATLOCK FROM MCCALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR ROBIN PORTER: JACK SCANLON SAYS THERE IS A SLIGHT
CHANCE FOR THE VOA JOB AND IF INTERESTED YOU SHOULD APPLY
THROUGH YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR.

2. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETING
JUNE 9. (DETAILED CABLE FOLLOWS):

EXPRESSIONS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE WERE MADE BY BOTH
SIDES. THE SOVIETS PROVIDED TEXT OF NEW REGULATION CON-
CERNING ACCREDITATION OF AMERICAN FIRMS AND USG PROVIDED
TEXT OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS ON WATCH QUOTAS. SOVIETS
PROMISED ASSISTANCE ON AMEXCO OFFICE PROBLEM AND AGREED TO
PUSH MFA ON MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS ISSUE. USG AGREED
TO REVIEW BELARUS SITUATION, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO THE USE
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OF AUTOMOBILES AND THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL FROM
AMTORG TO BELARUS. LATTER ASSURANCES WILL, OF COURSE,
BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF CRAWFORD CASE.

3. RE MOSCOW 13792 ON MATERIAL POUCHED TO HELLER, WE
CAN'T SAY YOU DIDN'T TELL US SO. WE INFORMED EPA IMME-
DIATELY ON RECEIPT, BUT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH

HELLER BEFORE HE DEPARTS.

4. FOR BOB MILLS KAP FROM LEN WILLEMS: PPT TELLS ME IT HAS AUTHORIZED A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FOR CAROLYN BUT IS AWAITING HER APPLICATION. ADVISE ME HOW TO CONTACT HER AND I WILL CHECK ON WHETHER SHE HAS APPLIED.

5. RE TRANSPORTATION AND OCEANS AGREEMENT RENEWALS, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO CONCLUDE EXTENSIONS OF BOTH NO LATAN MONDAY JUNE 19. GIVEN CURRENT CHARGED ATMOSPHERE HERE, A TIME GAP COULD BE JUMPED UPON BY OBSERVERS AS DELIBERATE SUSPENSION OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. WE WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPLISH OUR INTERNAL CLEARANCES ON THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BY MONDAY. IN A MEETING REPORTED SEPTTEL WE HAVE GIVEN ACTING SOVIET EMBASSY SCICOUNSELOR SHOKIN A COPY OF THE DRAFT DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON TRANSPORTATION CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO UNRESOLVED LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 7. ALSO AS REPORTED SEPTTEL HE WAS GIVEN OCEANS INTERIM EXTENSION NOTE ON WHICH THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS. COULD YOU PRESS SOVIETS THERE TO HAVE AUTHORIZATIONS CABLED TO SOVEMBASSY HERE FOR EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES ASAP ON BOTH AGREEMENTS? OCEANS AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIMPLE. FOR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WE WOULD HOPE SOVIETS ACCEPT CURRENT DRAFT WITH ARTICLE 7 TO READ AS GIVEN PARA 1 OF MOSCOW 13686 WITH EXCEPTION THAT "THIRTY DAYS" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "SIX MONTHS". WE DON'T HAVE CLEARANCE FOR ANY NEW ARTICLE 7 YET, BUT THIS
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IS LIKELY OUTCOME. IT WOULD BE IDEAL IF SOVIETS WOULD ACCEPT THE CURRENT DRAFT WITHOUT CHANGE IN ARTICLE 7 AS WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, SINCE THAT IS CLEARED FULLY. CHRISTOPHER

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